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SAIGON FOR ASST. SECRETARY INGERSOLL

DEPARTMENT PASS COMMERCE FOR UNDER SECRETARY AND LLOYD,
CMM, OIM/BIC

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: TABOR VISIT

REF : STATE 16568

1. I AM DELIGHTED THAT COMMERCE UNDER SECRETARY TABOR
WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND TRADE CENTER OPENING. CONTROL
OFFICER FOR VISIT WILL BE JOSEPH B. KYLE, ECONOMIC AND
COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR.

2. I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY AMERICAN CHAMBER HERE TO ASSIST
IN OBTAINING CABINET OR SUB-CABINET-LEVEL USG OFFICIAL
TO ADDRESS ANNUAL CONVENTION OF APCAC (ASIA PACIFIC
COUNCIL OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE), WHICH WILL
BE HELD IN TAIPEI MARCH 15-18. SOME 200 DELEGATES AND
OBSERVERS WILL BE COMING FROM TWELVE REGIONAL COUNTRIES.
IF UNDER SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE CAN BE SLIGHTLY MODIFIED,
I STRONGLY RECOMMEND HE AGREE TO ADDRESS APCAC HERE ON
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MARCH 17. OPENING OF TRADE CENTER WOULD THEN BE AD-

VANCED TO MARCH 18 FROM MARCH 22, WITH NO CHANGE IN SEOUL SCHEDULE. BECAUSE OF DELAYS IN OBTAINING EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS FROM THE U.S., THE CENTER WILL NOT BE 100 PERCENT READY BEFORE APRIL. HOWEVER, IT WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY COMPLETE TO ENABLE US TO PROCEED WITH INAUGURAL CEREMONIES AND EXHIBIT ON MARCH 18. FOUR-DAY ADVANCEMENT OF OPENING DATE WILL MAKE LITTLE OR NO DIFFERENCE IN THIS RESPECT. ALTHOUGH SUCH AS PROGRAM CHANGE WOULD INVOLVE SOME RE-SCHEDULING OF THE UNDER SECRETARY'S TOKYO AND HONG KONG STOPS, IT WOULD NOT CHANGE THE PERIOD OF HIS ABSENCE FROM THE UNITED STATES. IT WOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT FORUM FOR A SUBSTANTIVE SPEECH, AND WOULD AFFORD HIM AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH OVERSEAS LEADERS OF THE U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY FROM ENTIRE ASIA AND PACIFIC AREA. ASST. SECRETARY INGERSOLL WHEN HERE BEGINNING OF WEEK AGREED THAT UNDER SECRETARY TABOR'S PARTICIPATION IN APCAC MEETING WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE.

3. INASMUCH AS LOCAL PROGRAM FOR UNDER SECRETARY IN TAIPEI WILL DEPEND CONSIDERABLY ON WHETHER HE ACCEPTS APPRECIATE INVITATION OR ADHERENCE TO ORIGINAL SCHEDULE, WE

WILL DEFER SUBMISSION OF SUGGESTED SCHEDULE UNTIL HIS PLANS ARE FINALIZED.
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